

pages of claims for the above-referenced application is attached as Exhibit B. Applicants note that the claims include four independent claims (claims 1, 7, 8, and 9). The Notice to File Missing Parts, dated March 9, 2001 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C), requests payment for one additional claim over three. Additional claims fees were submitted to the PTO on April 9, 2001 with the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. A copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts by the PTO, and the transmittal letter for this response, are attached as Exhibit D. Thus, Applicants submit that as four pages of claims (pages 18-21 of the specification) were received by the PTO, and that as the appropriate fees were paid, Applicants are entitled to examination of all 16 pending claims. As a Restriction Requirement has not been issued for claims 9-16, it is Applicants' understanding that these claims will be examined along with claims 1-6. Applicants note that claim 9 is directed to a method of reducing proliferation of cells, and claims 10-13 depend from claim 1, or a dependent claim therefrom. Therefore, in the unlikely event that claims 9-16 are also subject to a restriction requirement, Applicants request that claims 9-13 be included in elected group I.

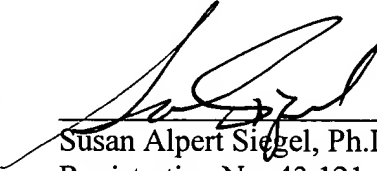
CONCLUSION

If any minor matters remain to be addressed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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